



Friday, April 11, 2025

Vehicle Evaluation Form

Vehicle Stock Number

2250407

Vehicle Year

1963

Vehicle Make

Ford

Vehicle Model

Thunderbird

Body Style

Coupe

Vehicle Mileage

85380

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

3Y83Z103382

Engine Size and Layout

390ci V8

Transmission

Automatic transmission

Vehicle History

This 1963 Ford Thunderbird was originally ordered in Sahara Rose with black upholstery, featuring a 390ci V8 engine paired with a Cruise-O-Matic three-speed automatic transmission. It has since been repainted in metallic blue and is now fitted with chrome "smoothie" wheels. Notable upgrades include cross-drilled front disc brakes, a PerTronix ignition system, and a Retrosound stereo. Registered to a single owner in Nevada from 1993 until the car was acquired by the 2023 and then once more in late 2024. Since 2023, mechanical components have been refreshed, the air conditioning has been repaired (although not blowing cold), and various interior trim pieces have been replaced.

Exterior Condition

	Condition	Comments
Paint	(3) Good	The paintwork is more than acceptable but shows evidence that it was not a highly professional job. Overspray, bubbles and other flaws can be noted upon close inspection. Overall the paint is Good.

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Body Panels	(3) Good	The body panels show no sign of rust or bubbling paint from rust. the rear fender has been repaired in and is not perfect but again is only noticed upon closer inspection. There are "dings" and minor dents noted on the car in various places but non exceeding the size of a 1-1.5"
Bumpers	(3) Good	Functionally the bumpers look good. The chrome on the bumpers though still shines does have scratches and pitting. Overall, driver quality and no rust or damage besides a scuff on the passenger side front bumper is noted.
Lights (Head/Tail/Fog)	(2) Very Good	The lights are all in working order. The lenses are as they should be.
Window/Glass	(2) Very Good	The glass is in very good shape with no noted chips or scratches noted.
Tires	(2) Very Good	The white wall radial tires are in very good shape. Size P215/70R15. Brand: Travelstar model, UN106. Date Code: 4920
Wheels/Rims	(2) Very Good	The rims are likely from 2020/21 when the tires were replaced. The chome on the "smoothie" style is bright and free from any major flaws.
Chrome/Trim	(3) Good	Overall the chrome on the car is aged as original. Scratches, scuffs and pits can be noticed but the chrome is otherwise free of rust and is functional.
Undercarriage	(3) Good	The undercarriage of the car is good, showing normal signs of wear for a car of its age. No rust is noted beyond traditional surface rust commonly seen. The front brakes and suspension have been "recently" serviced with certain components replaced. Beyond some superficial dirt the undercarriage looks in good order.

Interior Condition

	Condition	Comments
Seats	(2) Very Good	Cushioning on the seats is very good. No major flaws to speak of. The powered seat works.
Upholstry	(2) Very Good	The leather seats show little no no significant signs of wear. No cuts or holes are noted. The only real flaw is on the drivers seat a minor flaw in the piping where the surface level dye has come off. Very small and in no way obvious unless one was inspecting for flaws.
Dashboard	(2) Very Good	The cap of the dash was replaced in late 2023. The product used was called Accufoam and the look is decent for what it is. The fit and finish is not new OEM quality but it's new and free from flaws. The installation may has left it slightly wavy but again its minor. below the dash cap the aluminum trim is in okay condition with some minor denting.
Controls/Buttons	(2) Very Good	The buttons are all functional and work as they should for the radio, power windows (though some motors are slower) and Heat and Air.
Gauges/Instruments	(4) Fair	The gauges are clear and clean but the speedometer is jumpy, the temperture gauge is inoperable, the fuel gauge is working but off and the clock is inoperable.
Headliner	(4) Fair	The white perferated headliner does have a quarter sized hole in the read passenger side. Otherwise it's okay, is not drooping, cut or stained badly.
Carpets/Mats	(2) Very Good	The black carpets appear to be in nice shape. No notable stains or wear. The car also features nice Thunderbird branded mats.

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Trunk/Storage	(2) Very Good	The trunk is in nice shape. The trunk lid and locking latch are operate as they should. The trunk liner is "newer" and in very good condition
Air Conditioning	(4) Fair	The A/C is installed and complete however it failed to blow cold air. Perhaps it needs a recharge of freon?
Heating	(3) Good	The heat works, and the blower is working well. The heat isn't strong but is functional.

Mechanical Condition

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Engine	(2) Very Good	The engine is smooth and quite. The engine bay is clean and everything is in good order.
Transmission	(2) Very Good	The 3-speed transmission shifts quietly and smoothly.
Battery/Charging	(2) Very Good	In the time we've had the vehicle the battery is strong with no signs of needing charge.
Suspension	(3) Good	The suspension is good. The only noted flaws is some of the rubber bushings are older and could at some point benefit from replacement.
Brakes	(3) Good	The front brakes were converted to disc and show excellent life. The rear mechanical drum brakes are quite but not tested. The only noted flaw is the pedal is slightly soft and upon braking the car tends to pull to the left.
Steering	(2) Very Good	The power steering is easily controlled and a joy to drive. The wheel is not calibrated to the perfectly straight updown position but the car travels fairly straight without operator intervention.
Exhaust System	(2) Very Good	The exhaust is "newer" and in very good shape with no noted flaws.

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Cooling System	(4) Fair	The vehicle was taken on the highway as well as left idle in the parking lot for some time. No noted issued with the engine temperture and no noted leaks but as mentioned above, the gauge is not working properly.
Fuel System	(4) Fair	The vehicle's fuel system appears to be in good working order. An electronic fuel pump was installed next to the fuel tank and appears to work correctly. As noted above the fuel gauge is not displaying the correct fuel level. As the fuel level is drained or refilled the fuel level does change on the gauge according however full appears to be at the 3/4 mark and empty appears to be at the 1/4 mark.

Electrical Condition

	Condition	Comments
Low Beams	(2) Very Good	
High Beams	(2) Very Good	
Fog Lamps		
Turn Signals	(3) Good	Slightly slow but in working order.
Brake Lights	(2) Very Good	
Reverse Lights		
Dashboard Lights	(5) Poor	The dash lights are not operating.
Navigation Lights	(5) Poor	The dash navigation light is out, but the door lights are working.
Radio	(2) Very Good	The radio, is aftermarket but in good working order.
Power Windows	(3) Good	All four windows go up and down under their own power. The switches all work. The window motor speeds and strength do vary and the rear passenger window is fairly weak.
Power Locks	(2) Very Good	

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Power Seat(s)	(2) Very Good	
Power Mirrors		
Alarm/Anti-Theft		

Road Test

	Pass/Fail	Comments
Acceleration	Pass	
Braking	Pass	
Handling	Pass	
Suspension Comfort	Pass	
Noise/Vibration	Pass	
Transmission Shifting	Pass	
Steering	Pass	

Overall Condition

Exterior	Good
Interior	Good
Mechanical	Good
Electrical	Good
Road Performance	Good
Total Rating	Good

Evaluator's Overall Comments

Overall, this 1963 thunderbird is a nice driver's quality car. Equipped with seatbelts, automatic transmission, A/C, power windows, power seat and power steering. The car feels confident on the road even at highway speeds and is ready to show and enjoy at local car gatherings.

Evaluator's Name

Chris Anglewicz

Evaluation Date

Friday, April 11, 2025

Evaluator's Signature



(1) Excellent:

Restored to current maximum professional standards of quality in every area, or perfect original with components operating and appearing as new. A 95-plus point show car that is not driven. In national show judging, a vehicle in number 1 condition is likely to win top honors in its class. In a sense, it has ceased to be an automobile and has become an object of art. It is transported to shows in an enclosed trailer, and, when not being shown, is stored in a climate-controlled facility. It is not driven. There are few number 1 vehicles.

(2) Very Good:

Well-restored, or a combination of superior restoration and excellent original. Also, an extremely well-maintained original showing minimal wear. Except for the closest inspection, a number 2 vehicle may appear as a number 1. The number 2 vehicle will take the top award in many judged shows, except when competing against a number 1 example in its own class. It may also be driven 800-1,000 miles each year to shows, on tours or simply for pleasure.

(3) GOOD:

Completely operable original or "older restoration" showing wear. Also, a good amateur restoration, all presentable and serviceable inside and out. Plus, combinations of well-done restoration and good operable components; or a partially restored car with all parts necessary to complete it and/or valuable new old stock (NOS) parts. This is a "20 footer." That is, from 20 feet away it may appear perfect. But as we approach it, we begin to notice that the paint may be getting thin in spots from frequent washing and polishing. Looking inside, we might detect wear on the driver's seat, foot pedals and carpeting. The chrome trim, while still quite presentable, may have lost its sharp, mirror-like reflective quality it had when new. All systems and equipment on the car are in good operating order. In general, most of the vehicles seen at car shows are in number 3 condition.

(4) Fair:

A drivable vehicle needing no, or only minor work to be functional. Also, a deteriorated restoration or a poor amateur restoration. All components may need restoration to be "excellent," but the vehicle is mostly usable "as is." This is a driver. It may be in the process of restoration or its owner may have big plans, but even from 20 feet away, there is no doubt that it needs a lot of help.

(5) POOR:

May or may not be running, but is weathered, wrecked and/or stripped to the point of being useful primarily for parts. This is an incomplete or greatly deteriorated, perhaps rusty vehicle that has value only as a parts donor for other restoration projects.

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